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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Method and device for inerting a vat for consumable liquid, in particular wine, and
corresponding inerting gas

the specification of which (check only one item below):

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☐ was filed as United States application

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U.S. APPLICATIONS		STATUS (check one)		
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